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1. Rafael Baquero Herrera, Treasurer of the Communist Party of Colombia (PCC), stated that the Party's financial campaign for its newspaper, Vanguardia del Pueblo, had been a failure. The campaign was initiated in early December 1948 and is expected to last through February 1949. The PCC Executive Committee expressed alarm over the slight response elicited by the campaign and regards the situation as indicative of the present lack of enthusiasm for the Party in Colombia.
2. Baquero urged that all the departmental committees renew their efforts to raise their allotted quotas and cited the Cundinamarca and Santander del Sur committees as being the only two which devoted sufficient time, effort, and publicity to the campaign. At the end of January no money had been received from the departmental committees, which had been given the following monthly quotas:

Cundinamarca	\$300 pesos
Valle del Cauca	350
Tolima	250
Santander (Sur)	250
Antioquia	200
Norte de Santander	150
Atlantico	130
Caldas	130
Cauca	70
Bolivar	40
Huila	40
Magdalena	30
Boyaca	15
Narino	15

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Comment. This list includes fourteen of the fifteen departments of Colombia, omitting the Department of El Choco and the Intendencias. The Department of Narino is considered to be extremely conservative.)

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